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September 13 , 2002

President Cathy Woolard and
Members of Atlanta City Council
City Hall, Suite 2900
55 Trinity Avenue, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30335

RE: Appointment to the Urban Design Commission

Dear President Woolard and Members of the Council:

It is a pleasure for me to appoint **Leonardo Alvarez** to serve as a member of the **Urban Design Commission** of the City of Atlanta in the **position of Landscape Architect**. This appointment is for a **term of three (3) years**, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation.

I am confident that Mr. Alvarez will serve the Urban Design Commission and the City of Atlanta with distinction. A resume is attached for your perusal.

Sincerely,



Shirley Franklin

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LEONARDO ALVAREZ

Principal

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EDUCATION

Harvard University Graduate School of Design, Master of Landscape Architecture

Florida International University – Miami, Florida, B.S., Architectural Technology

University of Miami – Miami, Florida, Architecture Curriculum

AFFILIATIONS

Society for College and University Planning (SCUP)

American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

American Institute of Architects (AIA)

Urban Land Institute (ULI)

HONORS + AWARDS

FL ASLA Award of Excellence – *Places in Times: Historic Architecture and Landscapes of Miami*

FL ASLA Frederic B. Stresau – *Places in Times: Historic Architecture and Landscapes of Miami*

FL ASLA Award of Excellence – From Adversity to Opportunity: The New South Dade Planning Charrette

FL ASLA Merit Award – Metromover Brickell Extension

The Historic Florida Keys Preservation Board, Preservation Award – San Carlos Institute Restoration

First Place International Design Competition for Zhonguancun Life Science Park, Beijing, China (with JSA architects)

TEACHING AND ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION EXPERIENCE

University of Georgia – Athens, Georgia
Associate Professor, 1994-2000

Florida International University – Miami, Florida, 1982-1994
School of Design
Director and Associate Professor

Department of Landscape Architecture and Architectural Studies
Chair and Assistant Professor

Graduate Landscape Architecture Prog.
Coordinator and Assistant Professor

Mr. Alvarez has been practicing landscape architecture, urban design, and architecture for over 20 years. His experience includes successfully completing a wide variety of project types including educational environments, healthcare facilities, master plans, urban design plans, transportation facilities, commercial projects, and historic preservation efforts. His projects have been published and reviewed in a number of venues and he has received design awards for his creative and built work. In addition to his accomplishments in the professional practice arena, Mr. Alvarez has been actively involved in academia for over 18 years with Florida International University and the University of Georgia. He joined EDAW in 2001 and now serves as Managing Principal for the Atlanta office.

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Flamingo/Lummus Neighborhood Master Plan, Miami Beach, Florida.

Principal-In-Charge

CLIENT: City of Miami Beach

This project involves planning and design for \$26M of improvements for the neighborhood that contains the National Register Art Deco Historic District on Miami Beach. Sensitively integrating contemporary needs into the historic urban fabric is the central focus of the study.

17th Street Bridge, Atlanta, Georgia.

Principal-In-Charge

CLIENT: Georgia Department of Transportation

As a result of serving on a community design review group, EDAW was hired to design and detail the pedestrian canopy and related elements for the 17th Street bridge. Working with URS, EDAW prepared design development drawings for an 800' long steel canopy structure and missile fence. Additionally, EDAW was responsible for designing seating elements, paving, safety super graphics and determining the bridge color.

Southern Polytechnic State University, Marietta, Georgia

Principal-In-Charge

CLIENT: Southern Polytechnic State University

The focus of this project is to create an entrance gateway and strengthen the public image of the Southern Polytechnic University. The design of the landscape integrates narrative elements that celebrate and communicate great scientific milestones.

Emory University Goizueta Business School Expansion, Atlanta, Georgia.

Principal-In-Charge

CLIENT: Emory University

Landscape architecture for the Goizueta Business School expansion that includes classrooms, support spaces, hotel facilities, and parking deck for a full service executive MBA program.

LEONARDO ALVAREZ**SELECTED LECTURES & PUBLICATIONS**

Places in Time: Historic Architecture and Landscapes of Miami.

Miami: FIU School of Design, 1994.
(Alvarez, Leonardo and Joseph D. Ford, eds.)

"Urbanism: Visions for the Next 100 Years."

Conference Proceedings. ASLA. Boston, MA. September 1999. pp. 130-134.

"Urban Miami: Developing a Framework for Responsive Design."

Conference Proceedings. ASLA. Washington, DC. Nov. 1997. pp. 31-40.

"The School of Environmental Design Develops a Collaborative Model for Teaching and Learning."

Teaching at UGA. Winter 98.

"Preserving Historic Landscapes."

Preservation Today. Becky R. Matkov, ed. Miami: Dade Heritage Trust, April 1993.

"Design Charettes and Landscape Architects as Team Leaders."

Florida Chapter ASLA Conference, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, June 1994.

"Developing a Collaborative Model for Teaching and Learning Landscape Architecture." Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Annual Conference Proceedings. Asheville, North Carolina. September 1997.

"Formalizing the Service Learning Paradigm in the Professional Curriculum." *Lilly Conference on College/University Teaching-South Proceedings*. International Alliance of Teacher Scholars. May 1997. (with Cheryl Mihalko)

"Adjuncts and Part-Time Faculty: How Many is Too Many." Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Annual Conference and Proceedings. Arlington, Texas. October 1998. (with Cheryl Mihalko)

LEADERSHIP

Chaired numerous committees, secured funding, and served on boards aimed at improving the quality of the environment and design education. Includes professional service, university, and community-based organizations. Representative activities include:

Editorial Board Member, *Landscape and Urban Planning*, 2000-present.

AIA Atlanta Urban Design Committee 2002-present.

Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital Campus Master Plan, Albany, Georgia
Principal-In-Charge

CLIENT: Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital

The plan establishes a framework for the future development of this regional hospital within the context of a historic neighborhood. Infill buildings that respond to pedestrian linkages and an open space network create the backbone of the development plan.

Oceanfront Neighborhood Master Plan, Miami Beach, Florida.

Principal-In-Charge

CLIENT: City of Miami Beach

This project involves planning and design for \$9M of improvements for the neighborhood that contains the recently designated National Register Collins Waterfront Historic District on Miami Beach and such landmarks as the Fontainebleau and Eden Roc Hotels.

Palm, Hibiscus and Star Islands Master Plan, Miami Beach, Florida.

Principal-In-Charge

CLIENT: City of Miami Beach

This project involves planning and design for the neighborhood that contains the exclusive islands adjacent to South Beach.

Meredyth Place Medical Campus, Albany, Georgia

Principal-In-Charge

CLIENT: Phoebe Putney Memorial Health Services

The vision of this master plan is to develop a wellness theme in a campus setting. The plan incorporates the idea of connection between open space, gardens, landscape elements and architectural space. At the heart of the campus is the "Commons"; a park-like space connected to medicinal herb gardens, tree groves, fitness trails, public squares, linear walks and an interactive promenade water feature.

Atlanta City Center Livable Centers Initiative Master Plan, Atlanta, GA

Project Team - Urban Design

CLIENT: Central Atlanta Progress

Master plan for Atlanta's center city downtown, involving a variety of partners and keeping the competitive position of Downtown in focus for housing, office, retail and institutional uses.

Zhonguancun Life Science Park, Beijing, China

Principal-In-Charge

CLIENT: Zhonguancun Life Science Park

The design of the landscape for this centerpiece of a large mixed-use complex serves as a counterpoint to the dynamic elements of the architecture. Sustainable and "green" principles are employed throughout.

Lancaster Avenue Corridor Plan, Fort Worth, Texas

Principal-In-Charge (Schematic Design)

CLIENT: City of Fort Worth

EDAW is preparing a master plan for this two-mile section for the redevelopment of historic Lancaster Avenue. New residential, office and

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Board Member, City of Miami Historic and Environmental Preservation Board, 1989-94.

Board Member, Cool Communities Professional Advisory Board, 1993-94.

Chair, UGA SED Semester Conversion Committee, 1995-99.

Chair, UGA SED Technology Committee, 1994-2000.

Member, UGA President's Faculty Advisory Committee, 1999-2000.

Team Leader, *Your Town After the Flood*, Americus, Georgia. 14 July 1995. Sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Co-Leader, New South Dade Planning Charrette, Post-Hurricane Andrew planning study, including a three-week charrette, 1992-93.

Board Member, Fairchild Tropical Garden Design Review Board, 1992-94.

Member, Executive Committee, Florida Chapter, ASLA, 1992-94.

Member, We Will Rebuild Innovation Committee, August 1992-October 1993.

Member, Florida Architectural Education Leadership Group, 1989-94.

Member, FIU Strategic Planning Advisory Committee (SPAC), 1990-94.
Chair, Facilities Planning Subcommittee, 1990-94.

Member, FIU University Judicial Committee, 1993-94.

Member, FIU University Council, 1991-94.

Chair, FIU University Landscape Advisory Committee, 1989-1994.

Member, FIU University Parking Garage Committee, 1994.

LICENSURE

Licensed Landscape Architect, Florida #926

Licensed Architect, New York #17504

entertainment uses are envisioned to develop in the street creating the historic southern edge of downtown Fort Worth.

Southwest Escambia County Sector Plan, Escambia County, Florida
Project Advisor

CLIENT: Escambia County, Florida

EDAW will prepare a long-range build-out land use plan for this Florida coastal county. The plan will recommend environmentally sensitive and efficient land development patterns that will accommodate the area's extensive wetlands, threatened and endangered species, and nearby Naval Air Station operations.

Performing Arts Center Of Greater Miami, Miami, Florida
Principal-In-Charge

CLIENT: Miami-Dade County & Performing Arts Center Trust

The Performing Arts Center of Greater Miami proposed a spectacular public space within a tight urban setting. The design team proposed an oval plaza spanning Biscayne Boulevard. Articulated with rings of plantings, water, and unique paving patterns represent Miami's multiple cultures, the plaza serves to connect the Opera House and the Concert Hall (Collaboration with Balmori Associates and Cesar Pelli Associates).

EXPERIENCE PRIOR TO JOINING EDAW:

Metromover Brickell Extension, Miami, Florida
Principal-In-Charge

The Metromover Brickell Extension is part of the elevated rapid transit system in the heart of Miami's urban center. It consists of six people mover stations and over one mile of guideway linking downtown Miami with the Brickell area.

Miami Riverside Center, Miami, Florida
Principal-In-Charge

The master plan included three high rise office buildings, a seven level parking garage, an entry plaza, a formal palm court, outdoor dining facilities, and over 600 linear feet of riverwalk—the largest section of the planned "Miami Riverwalk" constructed to date. The plan provides facilities for promoting pedestrian activities along the river.

Brickell Promenade, Miami, Florida
Project Landscape Architect

Brickell Promenade was designed to join the existing Metrorail Station with the employment center on Brickell Avenue. Primary objectives were to promote safe pedestrian movement from the Brickell Metrorail Station to Brickell Avenue and provide a 24-hour multi-use urban activity center with a cultural/entertainment/retail identity appropriate to the Brickell area.

Knight Ridder Campus, Miami, Florida
Principal-In-Charge

Adjacent to the proposed Performing Arts Center of Greater Miami, this project develops a campus environment in an urban setting. A pedestrian-friendly environment is articulated with a sunburst paving pattern, a custom aluminum woven fence, unique light fixtures, unified street furniture, and appropriate planting.

LEONARDO ALVAREZ**Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, Florida****Project Landscape Architect**

Conceptually modeled after Thomas Jefferson's University of Virginia, this project includes the restoration of four historically significant homes and relocating them on the "Village Green". A 20,000 square foot addition to the existing law building serves as the focal point and is integrated with the restored homes by the use of a colonnade. The entire composition is axially linked with the existing State of Florida First District Court of Appeals located across the street.

St. Thomas University College of Law, Dade County, Florida**Project Landscape Architect/Co-Architectural Designer**

This 80,000 square foot facility was designed to be both a landmark and a respectful building. It is sited in a manner that enhances the existing campus by completing the quadrangle space begun by the neighboring buildings.

Ernest R. Graham Elementary School, Dade County, Florida**Principal-in-Charge/Co-Architectural Designer**

This facility is designed for 1,500 children. At the time it was built, it was the largest elementary school in Dade County, Florida. The scheme was based on a courtyard concept to break down the scale of the very large facility.

University of Georgia Athletic Precinct Master Plan, Athens, Georgia**Project Director**

The completed Athletic Precinct Master Plan provides a guide for future development within the Precinct. Central to the plan was to create a promenade along Rutherford Street to serve as a major pedestrian connection between athletic facilities and venues and makes a large central gathering area.

University of Georgia East Campus Master Plan, Athens, Georgia**Project Director**

This precinct plan builds on and refines the goals of the University of Georgia's campus master plan and includes detailed recommendations for building placement, road realignment, and landscape design. Specifically the East Campus precinct contains a large component of residential development that links to other mixed-use facilities in the district.

D.W. Brooks Drive Pedestrian Promenade, University Of Georgia, Athens, Georgia**Project Director**

The primary goal of the design team was to create a plan for the conversion of the drive into a safe, visually pleasing, lively pedestrian mall. The pedestrian promenade is urban in form and blends modern and traditional styles.

St. Francis Hospital - ALF, Columbus, Georgia**Principal-In-Charge**

Completed the site planning and landscape architecture for a 200 bed assisted living facility. The design includes a therapeutic garden, raised gardening beds and walking trails.

Fairchild Tropical Garden Liberty Hyde Bailey Palm Glade Restoration, Coral Gables, Florida**Principal-In-Charge**

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As one of only three formal spaces in Fairchild Tropical Garden the Bailey Palm Glade plays a special role in the experience of the Garden's beauty. It serves as a contrast to the predominantly informal character of the Garden, thus highlighting the beauty of its structure, and frames what is arguably its most spectacular vista.

San Carlos Institute Restoration, Key West, Florida**Project Landscape Architect**

Phase I of the San Carlos project includes restoration of the existing building including a 450-seat theatre to preserve the original structure and details while adapting its use for museum purposes. The building's setting along historic Duval Street has been completely restored. Phase II, not yet completed, includes the integration of an outdoor plaza with the building and its urban context to serve as a reception area for the theatre and museum.

New South Dade Planning Charrette**Co-Project Director**

This effort brought together over 200 professionals to propose rebuilding efforts for the 160 square mile area affected by Hurricane Andrew. Proposals included environmental and transportation efforts at the regional scale as well as detailed residential redevelopment projects at the local scale.

Crane Point Hammock Environmental Restoration and Design**Project Director**

Sponsored by the Florida Keys Sea and Land Trust, this project focused on developing an inventory and assessment of natural and historic features of this unique 63-acre site in Marathon, Florida. Production of master plan for preservation, restoration, and development of site. Integration of computer mapping for educational and research uses.

**Fairchild Tropical Garden Gatehouse Museum and Entry Court
Coral Gables, Florida****Principal-In-Charge**

This project restores the original entrance to the garden and adds a sensitively scaled and detailed entry court to accommodate the larger number of visitors. Plantings complement the themed plots of this part of the Garden and introduce a native demonstration garden for community outreach programs.

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Y Starnes	Y Fauver	B Martin	Y Norwood
NV Young	Y Shook	Y Maddox	Y Willis
Y Winslow	Y Muller	Y Boazman	NV Woolard

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A COMMUNICATION BY MAYOR FRANKLIN
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APPOINTING LEONARDO ALVAREZ TO
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Date 9/16/02

Chair Leonardo Alvarez

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Michael Steward

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